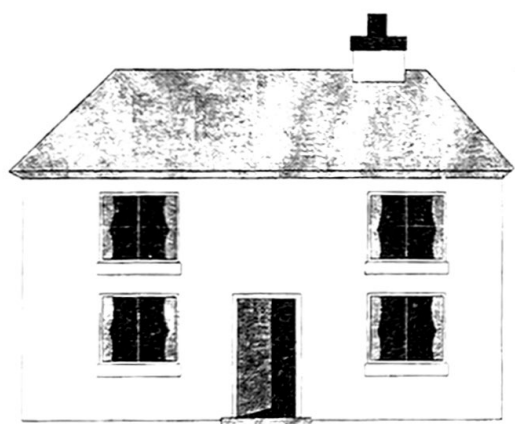


Bar Hill News

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Peter Smith



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The Village Fête

Saturday 27th June

This year we would like the emphasis to be on fun and community involvement. We are trying to involve as many Village groups and individuals as possible in the actual planning for this event. The basic plans are now going forward, with co-operation from the Social Club, Toy Library, the Playgroups and the Colts and we are hoping to enlarge the range of those involved still further. Please contact Margaret Carpenter 200941 or Gloria Pepper 200730 if you want to share ideas or get details of what has already been decided.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Health Centre (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00
The Health Centre (pm)	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (pm)	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00	
Dr. J. Hassan (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
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Practice Nurse (pm)	4.00 - 6.00	3.30 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00
Child Immunisation (Practice Nurse)	3.00 pm				
Physiotherapist	8.40 am	3.00 pm			
Midwife ((Antenatals)	2.00 pm				
Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor		10.15 - 11.45 ¹			
Child Health Clinic - Doctor				3.00 - 4.00	
Dietitian		9.30 - 12.30 ³			
Orthoptist		9.00 - 12.30 ²			9.00 - 12.30 ³
Psychiatric Doctor					2.00 - 4.30 ⁵
Psychiatric Nurse			2.00 pm		
CAMTAD		9.00 - 12.00 ⁴			

- (1) - Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor is in the School Lounge
 (2) - 2nd in the month
 (3) - 3rd in the month
 (4) - 4th in the month
 (5) - 2nd & 4th in the month

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A New Town bigger than Huntingdon on our Doorstep?

How do you like the idea of a new town, considerably larger than Huntingdon, being developed somewhere between Histon and Fen Drayton, centered on the old railway? Perhaps we should start to get used to the idea, because such a development is a very real possibility within the next 20 years.

The population of Cambridgeshire is growing. It has increased greatly over the past few decades and this growth is set to continue. The local planning authorities - County, South Cambs. District and City Councils are charged with managing this growth. Quite how responsibilities are split between the three remains a bit of a mystery to me, but in broad terms I think that the County is responsible for strategic planning. The 'Green Belt' here, the 'New Town' over there, and the Village growth there - and the other two bodies for nuts and bolts planning decisions at ground level.

As part of a public information and consultation process the District Council recently distributed two documents to every household in its area. 'The Next 20 Years' from the three authorities contains information and a questionnaire whilst the special edition of 'South Cambs News' gives the District Council's spin on the issues. Six public meetings were held in March. I attended one at Swavesey on Tuesday 10th, which went over the ground covered by 'The Next 20 Years' leaflet and provided a facility for those present to 'vote' by placing stickers on a board on the perceived importance of the planning criteria used in drawing up options for development.

Option 1 is to resist the full predicted expansion from the present 80,000 homes, restricting development to a total of 48,000 homes. Apparently this smaller number could be accommodated by existing plans and allocations. Our District Council is very much in favour of this option, believing that this is the absolute maximum that could be absorbed by existing social structures and that any expansion above this level would destroy the essential character of affected areas. The County Council, however, seems quite happy to preside over a grander scale of development. Should the District Council lose the argument, or should Central Government direct that the full expansion take place, other options must come into play for the extra 32,000 homes.

Option 5 is the Nightmare Scenario for us as it includes a completely new town of 9,000 homes (pop. c30,000), bigger than Huntingdon (7,200 homes), located somewhere along the disused railway line. Make no mistake about it, under the Authorities' processing of planning criteria, Option 5 is a strong contender. ('This option was the best performer under both the 'Environmental Emphasis' and the 'Social/Economic Emphasis' themes'). Apart from my personal shock/horror at the potential total destruction of the existing village communities I believe that the analysis supporting Option 5 and its new town is thoroughly flawed:

1. It appears to be based solely on a disused railway line possibly converted for guided bus.
2. Spending on new road infrastructure - already over-

loaded - is 'discredited'. The new bus system apparently will satisfy all 30,000 new inhabitants' transport needs.

3. It seems bizarre to assume that the 30,000 new inhabitants will not own and use cars, if not for commuting then for other business, domestic and pleasure purposes, flooding the B1050 and A14.

4. The Option's shaky logic further assumes that the 9000 new householders will obediently choose to live along a public transport link from a pre-ordained place of work.

5. Protecting the quality of existing rural or village life does not appear as a planning criterion. I questioned this omission at the meeting and apparently it is covered by 'C2 Protecting cultural heritage (buildings, archaeology)'. But one of the stated 'strengths' of 'Option 5' is 'C2 Helps protect cultural heritage'. The way of life of the 20,000 inhabitants of villages Oakington to Fen Drayton is, therefore, officially of no significance.

6. There appears to be no concept of spreading the burden, the costs, of development evenly or fairly over the area. On the contrary, one can't help suspecting that the planning authorities would prefer to steam roller a monstrous development over a small number of hapless sufferers rather than face far more extensive opposition against fairer diffuse expansion. Divide and rule favours Option 5.

Not In My Back Yard

Two of those present (possibly local builders) at the Swavesey meeting stormed out shouting "Pull up the drawbridge after you!" Is this NIMBY criticism justified? I think not. The District Council is trying to dig its heels in for Option 1, Minimum Growth, as the plan that allows the utmost possible growth (38,500 homes) that would not destroy the essential character of existing communities. To object to Option 5 is not a case of 'Not in my back yard' but more 'please do not destroy all of our back yards'.

Action



The three Authorities, especially the District Council, are very keen to find out what we think. Take them at their word. Study the 'South Cambs News' and 'The Next 20 Years' (copies available from SCDC 9-11 Hills Road CB2 1PB. Tel: 01223 443000). Complete and return the questionnaire. Tell them if you think their criteria are incomplete, half-baked or unfair. Contact your councillors, especially your County Councillor (contact Member Services 01223 443000). Write to your MP, James Paice MP or Andrew Lansley CBE MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA.


Don't delay. Questionnaires must be back by 13th April. If we want this area to be recognisable in 20 years time we must act now.

Richard Keyworth

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Letters to the Editor

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Policing Bar Hill

Dear Residents,

Crimewise there are a few points to note. Bar Hill School had a CD player stolen on 12th March (any ideas will be gratefully received) and there was a theft of tools from a van in Foxhollow.

Of special concern is a suspicious male flasher seen at the rear of the School at the beginning of March. No further sightings, but do be aware of his description:

White male, 6' 1"; very skinny, long black 'straggly' hair; thigh length leather jacket with red leotard underneath.

Traditionally this time of year sheds and garages become targets, so please mark any power tools & lawnmowers, or at least note their makes and serial numbers. It is also worth considering security lights for your garden, not expensive, but 'worth their weight in gold'!

On a positive note - recorded crime for Cambridgeshire has fallen by nearly 13% compared to January last year and a recent arrest of a burglar in Oakington cleared over 30 offences!

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Easter.

Richard Newman PC 1187

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Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch in the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd April at 8.30 pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

The residential crime figures in Bar Hill are not high but we can reduce them with your help. A good Neighbourhood Watch scheme can help the Police reduce crime in this area, so do your bit for the community and join Neighbourhood Watch.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

John Revell 201258

Dear Editor,

I would just like to say how much I and many others agree with Roger Hall's letter in the March issue about the state of Bar Hill as a village. I have not been here as long as Mr. Hall, but for a mere sixteen years, and have seen the Industrial Estate, the Mall and the Garden Centre site become more and more unsightly. These areas look more like derelict sites than parts of 'the Village'.

The Mall is used as a toilet; this is, of course, inexcusable - but what pride is taken in something that is far from looked after? It's dull, bleak and because Tesco has yet more say in which shops can open up there, we have what I would say is a pathetic choice. Obviously that's the plan - they don't sell it, but Tesco does!

The overnight lorry parking, as we already know, is a nightmare - I actually live behind the Industrial Estate and although I have got used to the engines running through the night, I find it disgusting when I walk to work to see human fouling of every description, tea bags, milk cartons and food just thrown out of lorry cabs along the paths. I realise that they have to stop and sleep somewhere, but surely there are places with the proper facilities? I work in the Village and only recently there was a drinks can on our windowsill which was full of - how can I put it - nothing you would drink! I realise that you couldn't prove who put it there, but it's not too hard to imagine...

People who come to Bar Hill either to shop or work, take one look at the area and say "How could you live here - I couldn't!" because all they see is Tesco, the Mall and the edge of the Industrial Estate with unsightly empty buildings.

What a picture to have in your mind when the words 'Bar Hill' are spoken!

There are a lot of good things within Bar Hill, but only the residents know about them - the teams and clubs which represent Bar Hill at various times throughout the year, what do people think when they see them? I'm sure the one and only thing that comes to them is 'Tesco!' not the Village they are representing!

It's not just these points which make us feel ashamed of our Village, but the state of the paths and roads that now look rough and unkempt. Paths cracking and lifting roads with holes in just look uncared for.

I recently wrote to Cambridge County Council about the holes in our roads, saying how dangerous they were, only to be told that they "did not meet the criteria necessary for repair on unclassified cul-de-sac roads". I suppose we'll just have to wait for someone to fly off their bike, an ankle to get broken or a wheelchair to topple over before anything gets done. Who else is there to ask? Who else cares? Who else will want to live here in the future? Who is it who pays the taxes? More importantly, whose money is filling the supermarket tills?

The teenagers and dogs can't be blamed this time! But who can?

Thank you, Rose Lucas

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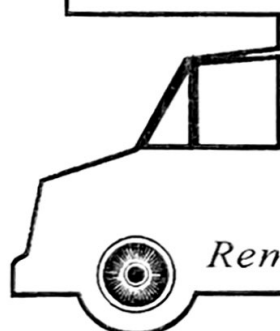
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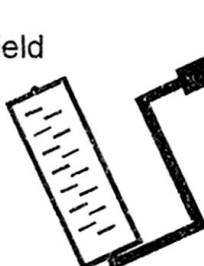
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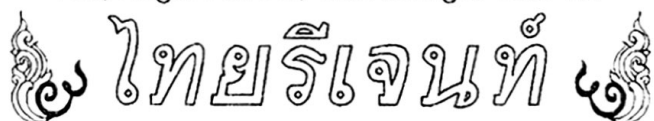
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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thu. 19th March 7.30 pm at 2 The Mall.

Overnight Lorry Parking - Andrew Lansley MP had visited the Village one evening to view the extent of this problem. He agreed to give his support to trying to eradicate the problem from Bar Hill and would consider the best way in which he could help.

Dog fouling byelaw - The PC had been asked to suggest sitings around the Village for the thirty dog fouling byelaw signs which will be affixed to lamp posts by the District Council.

Land Access Agreement - The PC agreed that access should be given across land to the rear of the Thruffle Way spinney, to allow work on the power cable in the Dry Drayton field.

New play equipment - The play area on the Village Green will need to be closed for a time during the Easter holidays while new equipment and surfacing is installed. It would be very much appreciated if children/parents would exercise patience while this work is in progress. We would especially ask that parents impress on their children the importance of keeping away from the area while the workmen are on site.

Disposal of grass cuttings with weekly refuse collections - Parish Councillors were advised that, from April, the District Council will not be collecting grass cuttings along with the weekly refuse collections (see leaflet with Council Tax details).

A14 Trunk Road Meeting - Noise - This meeting had been attended by one of the Parish Councillors, who reported that there were no plans for improvement to the A14 near Bar Hill at the present time. The Clerk has a copy of notes taken by the Councillor at the meeting if anyone is interested in this issue.

Nominations for Parish Councillors - The Clerk has a supply of these forms. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the forms are at the District Council offices by noon on 6th April.

Mrs. C. McDermott, Clerk to the Parish Council
Please ring for an appointment before calling

The Save The Children Fund annual collection will take place between April 26th and May 2nd. Anyone wishing to help please contact Jo Hall 780304.

School News

Dear friends

Life at Bar Hill School continues to be very busy and exciting! We will be holding a creative arts week at the end of March and children are involved in educational visits to the Natural History Museum, Grafham Water and other interesting places.

Thanks to many of you we have had a lot of new lettings and the School is open most evenings. Contrary to rumours we have not increased the fees. They remain as they were for the past two years.

Over the past year we have continued to develop our community links. I have been very appreciative of the financial and material contributions made by many of our local shops, industries and the Parish Council. Our PTA of course is a major contributor to our financial funding and I hope many of you participate in the variety of social events they organise.

Should you wish to make contact with the School for any reason please note that we have a new telephone number **01954 273305**.

Thank you for your continuing support for our School.

Lin Whyte (Headteacher)

Car Boot Sale - The School will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday 23rd May from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm in the School playground. Pitches £5 in advance or £7 on the morning. Call Keith on **200880** to reserve your pitch.

Fun Run - The annual School Fun Run will be held on Saturday 9th May from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. There will be various races and stalls on the morning, so why not come along and support your local school. If you or a group are interested in having a certain type of race why not write to us with your suggestion and we will see what we can do. Please put any suggestions in writing and give to the School office in an envelope marked 'Fun Run Idea'.

Bedding Plants - Finally, if you ordered bedding plants from School we are hoping they will arrive sometime between Wednesday 20th May and Friday 22nd May. We will notify you nearer the time with more details.

Annual Dinner & Dance

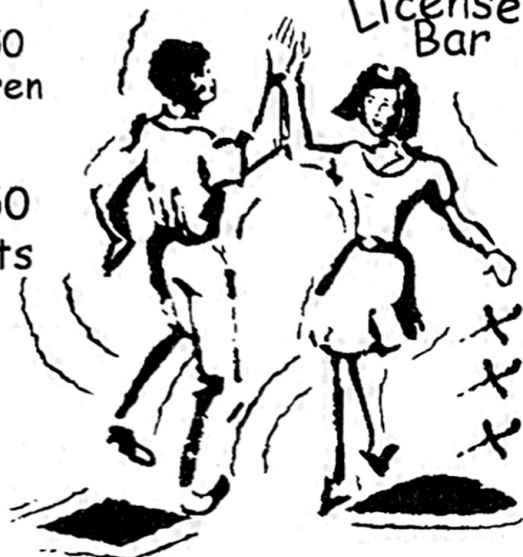
Following the requests that last year's 30th anniversary Dinner & Dance should become an annual event, it will take place this year on Saturday July 4th at the Bar Hill Moat House. Enquiries and ticket reservations available from Roger Hall, 11 Almond Grove **780304**.

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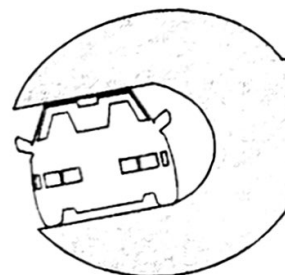
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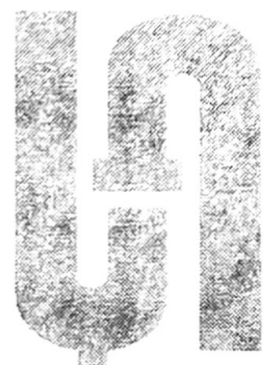
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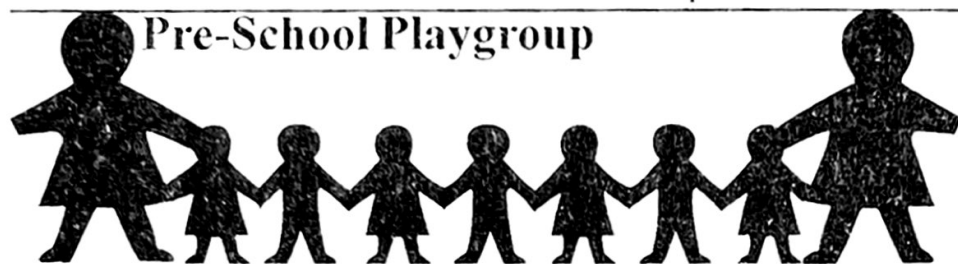
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Our general sessions are open to all children aged 2½ to school age. Each session begins with the children sitting together and answering "yes" to the register. This is followed by a brief explanation of the session's topic. The children choose from the activities in our craft room which include painting, cutting out, sand/water play and modelling.

There are also more structured activities including pencil control, basic maths and occasional cooking lessons and excursions. A well-stocked book corner is open for the children to enjoy.

After approximately 45 minutes the session moves across to our play room which is designed to help develop the children's agility, co-ordination and imagination through pretend play with a wide range of activity toys/equipment, train set and playhouse. We also have lots of puzzles, games, etc.

This is followed by a shared fruit/drink time. The sessions finish with a story and singing time.

Our session times are:-

Mon, Wed & Thurs.	9.15 - 11.45 am
Tues. 'Play Tots'	9.30 - 11.00am
Tue.	1.00 - 3.30 pm
Friday (Rising 5s)	9.15 - 11.45 am

If you would like to visit Playgroup, please call in at any session. The Playleaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions. Application forms are available from Playgroup, the Library and our administrator Jenny Dedman 782037 (before 7 pm).

Farewell

We are sure parents and children alike will join with us in saying goodbye and thank you to Barbara Spaxman who is leaving us after 3 years. Her contribution to Playgroup has been invaluable and we wish her good health and happiness in the future!

AGM - Wednesday 15th July at 8pm

Details of the evening's events will follow next month - but please put this date in your diaries!

Vacancy for Assistant Playleader

Hours and pay to be negotiated. Applications in writing please to: The Chairperson, Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup, c/o The Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining the committee to help in the decision making and running of Playgroup please contact Gill Konradt 200238 (Liaison Officer)



PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

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Diary dates:-

Tue. 7th April. Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt Playday 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Octagon. There will be Easter Crafts, an Egg Hunt and refreshments as well as lots of room to play with the large toys. For the Under 7's. £1.50 including free drinks for the children.

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Session Times

Mon - Fri 9.15am - 11.45. 12.45 - 3.15pm.

Keep us informed If you change your phone number or any other details that are relevant to us so that we can keep our records up to date. We still have some people that have moved and we have no way of contacting them.

Ring Patsie Ostler 201079.

Inspection We are very proud to announce that we passed our inspection with flying colours! The report is available on our notice board.

Parent Helping If you need to cancel your turn helping contact Jackie Quazi so she can arrange for a replacement. 201267.

Easter Playday This will be held at Sunshine with face painting, egg painting, "hook the Easter chick" game, rabbit & chick mask making, egg hunt, refreshments & raffle. Entrance fee £1 for the first child, 50p for siblings, under 1's free. Up to age 7.

A.G.M. This will be held at the Sunshine building. We hope to have Head Teacher, Mrs. Lin Whyte or a

Reception teacher as guest speaker, followed by cheese, wine and a raffle. Do come along and support the Pre-School and vote in the new Committee.

Diary Dates

3rd April - End of Term.

6th April - Easter Playday 10am - 12.

21st April - Summer Term begins.

4th May - Bank holiday.

7th May - A.G.M. 8pm at Sunshine.

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Despite an AGM and an influx of new committee members, I am afraid it's the same old scribe.

Anyway, the AGM - for the first time for many years we had more volunteers/nominations for the committee than spaces available - surely a good sign; perhaps our Staff Christmas Party is something to be desired, or your chance to see your name on the honours board is an attraction. I warmly welcome back those who were re-elected and those elected for the first time.

It was good to over 50 of our nearly 1000 membership at the AGM.

Speaking of new faces, we have seen many over the last month due to the closure of 'The Other Place': some have not visited us for a long time and it has been pleasing to hear their comments upon our facilities, prices and atmosphere.

Our friend the Chancellor has been kind to us and despite other local establishments increasing prices we have no intention of doing so until such time as they are passed on to us. You have paid for our refurbishments in advance.

Last month saw the very successful theatre trips to see 'Les Miserables' and 'Miss Saigon' and more trips are in the pipeline. Watch the notice boards for further details.

March also saw one of the Village's 'unsung heroes' rewarded - Fred Styles' contribution to both the Football and Cricket Clubs, was acknowledged by no lesser body than the Cambridge Evening News. Congratulations to Fred for winning the February monthly award and good luck in the annual awards to be held in January 1999. A photograph of the award and a copy of the certificate will shortly adorn the Club walls for all to see (if Fred hasn't already shown you!!). For once, (I mean once) when he received his certificate he was nearly lost for words. Well done Fred.

We have seen both St. David's and St. Patrick's Day come and go and now it's time for St. George's Day, so come along for some festive ale and fine food and, of course, excellent company.

I am also pleased to confirm what many have been saying for many years - the Social Club is definitely going to the dogs! Thanks to Joe McMurray tickets have been obtained for us to go dog racing on 25th April, so if you want to go see Sue or Jethro. Limited places available.

Details of the 'family' trip to Drayton Manor Park are now advertised on the notice boards, so if are interested please get your names on the list. Margaret has once again obtained very favourable rates for both admission and the coach.

A jazz band has already been booked for the Fête Day and hopefully the Residents' Association will focus the afternoon around the Village Hall and all will be welcome.

As I stated at our AGM, the liaison between the Club and Village Hall Management Committee could not be stronger. We both aim to increase our links with the Residents' Association and with the Parish Council. We

all have a common purpose, to serve the residents of Bar Hill and the organizations of the Village. What appears to be lacking is the direction from the Parish Council as although not wishing to be critical I urge each and every one of you to think very carefully who you vote for when choosing your Parish, District and County Councillors; as a Social Club with a membership of nearly 1000 our vote is quite considerable.

Recently a Parish Councillor wrote an open letter to BHN and the Cambridge Evening News, outlining many shortcomings of present Village life of which we are all only too well aware, but surely the majority of these problems can or could be alleviated or even resolved by a positive Parish Council?

Graham Sadler, Chairman

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the School at 8pm.

Diary Dates

2nd April - Birthday Party - members only

7th May - Papworth Trust.

If you would like to join - sorry gents - ladies only - please come along to any of our meetings or phone Barbara Page 780933



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*Here comes another birthday. They slither round too soon.
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They say 'Don't eat the butter - a scrape of marge is all you need'.*

*But I dream of sitting in my chair and watch the smoke rings rise,
or feast on toast and dripping and steak and kidney pies.*

*Don't do this and don't eat that. Still the years creep by
with stealth. But no one seems to realise. Too many birthdays
damage health.*

*They really ought to tell us. Too many birthdays can be bad.
So I'll just ignore those special days and make do with those I've had.*

*Some days I find a wrinkle and feel a little tired. I'm sure
there must be some old friends who think that I've expired.*

*But I'm still here in all my glory. Still dreaming of romance.
Perhaps you think I'm past it... but just give me half a chance!*

5 Day holiday at Llandudno 20th- 25th April

All is now confirmed and insurance forms for those who require them will be handed out early in April. We will let you know the coach starting time (from outside 'The Fox') at our regular Monday meetings. From all accounts we will be the second pick-up for the coach but we would hazard a guess that we should be leaving around 8.00am. Don't forget - enjoy yourselves!

New member - During March we had a new member join us - Peggy Newman. We are delighted to have you here, you are most welcome and we sincerely hope you enjoy our weekly meetings.

Monthly Raffle - The March raffle for the Marie Curie Fund raised the magnificent sum of £44. A cheque has been sent off to them and we wish to thank all those who took part in the raffle.

The first outing of the year - will take place on Wed. 13th May to the Saville Gardens and Windsor. The cost will be £9.30 including entrance to the Gardens (£3.30) for OAPs. Anyone wishing to go on the trip should contact Sid at 45 Pheasant Rise 201384. Early booking is advisable. We would like to fill the coach in order to minimise the cost.

Competitions - Sid has put out the sheets for these so come along and sign up. During the Committee's bi-monthly meeting in early March it was felt necessary to amend the rules slightly. Sid will advise as to exactly what these minor changes are.

The Childrens' Hospice for the Eastern Region - Many

of you will recall my article in November's BHIN regarding a visit to this home by some committee members. They have given us details of their 'Wild West' Gala Day on Sat. 16th May 11.00 - 4.00 pm. Attractions will include cowboy shootouts, indian teepees, tractor rides, bouncy castle, Postman Pat and his van, face painting, bric-a-brac, refreshments, cakes and plants. Entry and car parking are free. Guided tours around the hospice in Church Lane, Milton will be offered throughout the day. For more information call 01223 441221 or contact me 201127. We sincerely hope some of you will be able to go along to support this very special fund raising event. 'The Hospice cares in every way for life limited children, their families and all who are special to them'

I was so moved by the piece of poetry displayed on the wall of a ward that I have again repeated it to remind us all of the tragic situations their parents are confronted with:

A gift of a child

*I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine, he said,
for you to love while she lives and mourn for when she's dead
It may be six or seven years or twenty two or three,
but will you till I call her back take care of her for me.
She'll bring you charm to gladden you and should her stay be brief
You'll have her loving memories a solace for your grief.
I fancy that I heard him say, 'Dear Lord, Thy will be done
for all the joy this child will bring the risk of grief we'll run
We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll have her while we may,
and for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay.
And should the angels call for her much sooner than we planned
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand*

Presentation to a very worthy man - Sir Frederick

'Lucky Old Arsenal' Styles

The Cambridge Evening News recently honoured many folks both old and young for their contributions to sport, both now and in the past, and our Fred was justly rewarded for his magnificent efforts over many generations. Indeed it was true recognition for the part he has always played in helping sporting organisations and still does. He was honoured with a plaque and certificate at their offices in Cambridge and it was indeed a fitting occasion for such a sterling character which was so well deserved. I would like to go on record to thank Graham Sadler and the BH Sports and Social Club for putting him forward for such a tribute. Well done you old codger. One last parting word, the old lucky omen still seems to prevail, Arsenal have reached the semi-final of the FA Cup once again!

Jim James 201127

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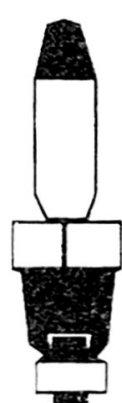
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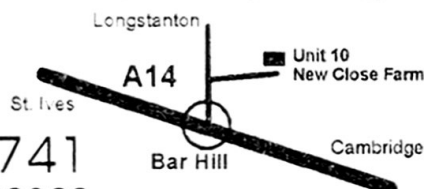
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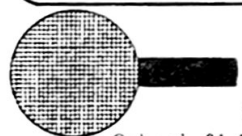


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Colts Football

As the final games of the 1997/8 season get under way, it's time to focus on the Colts top scorers. Some of these lads have recorded more than 20 goals so far, which equates to an average of one or more per game. The top scorer within the Club so far is Owen Richards, but with the U13s and U14s having several more games to play Glenroy Whittick is closing in fast.

On the subject of the U14s, they fought out a credible 1-1 draw against second placed Hardwick on 15th March. With the U14s currently sitting in 3rd place, and Hardwick having completed their fixtures, promotion is definitely 'on the cards'. It is several seasons since we last had a team in the top two of their league, and only two have achieved it; this season's U15s and U16s who both won their leagues at U11. All at the Club are looking forward to Ian Crofts and his players achieving the same and being invited to attend the Colts League Presentation event at the Cambridge Guildhall.

In the Cambridge Mini Football League our youngest League team, the U8s, are improving after a slow start. After a 16-0 trouncing by Littleport earlier in the season they have picked themselves up and ensured that they have not received any similar treatment. In fact, against Bottisham they have won 3-2 and drawn 1-1. This team have been playing many friendlies as well as their league games, against such teams as Chatteris, Linton and Milton, and have been invited to play in competitions at Soham and Chatteris, the latter being an opportunity to play under floodlights. I'm sure the lads will enjoy that one! Ably managed by the Colts only female manager, Dawn Miller, the top scorer is Matthew Lee.

League positions in the Mini League are:

U8s Shooting Stars	- 5th in Division 8C
U9s Bombers	- 10th in Division 9C
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U9s Tornados	- 9th in Division 9D
U10s	- 6th in Division 10A

My apologies, by the way, to Barry Dean for not mentioning his U9s team last month. more information on them next month.

Diary Dates

Sat. 2nd May - Jumble Sale - 2pm - School

Sat. 16th May - Annual Presentation - U10s and below at 5pm and U11s and above at 7.30pm

Sun. 7th June - Dad's Five-a-side

Please also note that the Colts are organising an It's a Knockout competition on 15th Aug. Start planning now as teams are required from all Village organisations, companies etc.

Lastly, it was a pleasure to see that that stalwart of Bar Hill Sporting Life, Fred Styles, was honoured recently by the Cambridge Evening News for his support of all sports in the Village. I would like to add my personal gratitude for his help with preparing pitches (and giving me advice) for this season's U16s. Thanks Fred, the honour is extremely well deserved and long overdue.

Neville Watson 781488

Diary of a Badger

Spring is here, the woods are starting to get a little darker now, as the leaves form on the trees. The floors of some of the woods already have a good covering of flowers and other plants, 'Lords and Ladies', aconites, violets and coltsfoot in the ditches and on open ground.

Over at the pond, the frogs are in full voice, laying that awful tasting spawn everywhere (I know, I've tried it - the newts seem to like it though!). Mind you, the odd frog or toad makes a tasty little treat, as do hedgehogs which have been injured or killed. I can soon turn them inside out, same as the few 'mixy' rabbits I come across on my nightly travels.

Now is the time for my cubs to start exploring the entrance to their sett, and they may even emerge on a warm night to experience the sights and sounds around them. They were pink and blind when born, but now have a coat of silver and a few black head stripes.

The sow keeps an ever watchful eye on them, in or out of the sett. They don't wander far, because humans still let their dogs enter our setts, or at least try to ... I'm more than a match for a single dog, but not the cubs and it's not funny either to have a snarling dog trying to grab you while the humans shout encouragement. That doesn't happen much where I live and in fact hasn't for a number of years now, but that's enough of this chat, it's getting towards dusk now and the 'wife and kids' want to go outside to have a stretch play for a while and I want to get something to eat so I'll see you.

Ol' Brock

Under Ones

Babies under one and mums/dads are welcome on Wednesdays in the Church Centre from 10 - 12 noon, for refreshments and a chance to meet other people with young babies. Expectant mums are also welcome. We offer changing facilities, a good selection of toys and a well-stocked library on all aspects of pregnancy and baby care. Contact Emily Lewney, 7 Oatlands Avenue, 781770

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Diary Dates

27th Apr. - Live cookery demonstration - A five minute chocolate cake!

11th May - Speaker to be announced.

If you need a lift to Bar Hill or if you would like someone to come along with, please 'phone Florentine Kumba 789153 or Anita Jassal 781914.



Bar Hill Tennis Club

New Season!

Diary Dates

Adult First Club Night: Tue. 5th May but look out for us earlier if the weather is good!

Juniors start week commencing 27th April

If you are interested in playing or want to know more call any committee member (see below)

Membership fees this year for family, adult, or junior membership have been kept at **last year's level**

Membership is available to all residents and we encourage all abilities - our only desire is that everyone enjoys their tennis. So whether you want to play to keep fit (some of us at least try), if you haven't played for years and would like to try again or wish to play more serious tennis do contact any Club member (see below) or come and join us when you see us playing on the courts. For those who do not know our 2 new courts are directly behind the School playground on the edge of the Village Green. There is no need to go out of the Village to play tennis!

This year the Lawn Tennis Association is promoting **Play Tennis** and this will be the largest single tennis event ever staged in this Country. We will be supporting this initiative locally so watch out for details of our local events being held in Bar Hill during the National Week of Tennis from Saturday 23rd May to 30th May.

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The whole Group is looking forward to the summer when we shall be able to put the 'out' into scouting. There are plans afoot for camps and trips, some are individual to the boy's section and others are across the board. The first one planned is by the scouts, over the Easter holiday. Friday Cubs have recently enjoyed an evening at the Fire Station.

Due to a problem with my computer over the past three months I am not certain every request has been placed on the waiting list. If you have contacted me in this period I would be grateful if you could check with me that your son's name is included. Please note we do not accept names for the list until after the **fourth** birthday.

AGM - 11th May - The AGM will be on Mon. 11th May at 6.30 pm where there will be a Family BBQ. Please let us know that you are coming, so that this event can be accurately catered for.

Janet Kempson, (Group Scout Leader) 780778

South Cambridgeshire Conservative Association



Saturday 16th May, 121 Appletrees, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lay, a "wish you were here" evening - reminisce about a memorable holiday (with 'photos if possible). Supper will be lasagne with salad. Tickets £7.

Saturday 4th July. An Independence Day Garden Party. Venue to be announced shortly. Supper will be salmon and salad. Tickets £7.

Sunday 6th September, 4 Hollytrees, by kind invitation of Cllr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds - a lunchtime barbecue. Mr. Robert Sturdy MEP attending. Tickets £7.

Saturday 17th October at 121 Appletrees, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lay, a Curry Evening. Tickets £7. Guest speaker Linda Sutherland on "Life as a Special Constable".

Saturday 5th December at the Octagon - our Christmas Lunch Party. Tickets £8.50. Andrew Lansley CBE MP and Officers of the Association will be attending
Iris Lay 780457.



THE GUIDE ASSOCIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thanks to

Nina Hutt who resigned as District Commissioner at the end of January. We are very sorry to lose her and are grateful for the time, effort and hard work she has put in as District Commissioner over the last 3½ years.

I am, however, very pleased that she will still continue to be involved in Guiding with her Treasurer's hat on for the Division, so you don't escape that easily Nina!

If anyone would be interested in taking on the role of District Commissioner we would be pleased to hear from them. You may have been involved in Guiding in the past as a Brownie, Guide or Guider, or never been a member of the Guiding Movement, but if you would like to know more about what is involved, please give me a call.

Our Thinking Day celebrations on 22nd Feb. were a great success and 160 girls from Bar Hill District and Over District enjoyed various crafts, song and dance activities, followed by a Church Service. Many thanks for all help received before and on the day, particularly to Gary Renison and Bar Hill Church, Wendy Arrowsmith, Donna Storey and Janet Kempson.

If your daughter is five years old and would like to join Rainbow Guides, there are spaces in 2nd Bar Hill Rainbows which meet on a Tuesday evening. Please call the number below for details.

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In view of Easter we only have one meeting in April and that is on the 21st at 3 Almond Grove. The topic is 'Food for Thought' - we provide the food, you provide the thought and help to plan our future programme.

For further information please ring Desiree Wainwright 782306 or Jackie Jones 781613.



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New style Service for children and families

Lifespan Healthcare NHS Trust has combined its health visiting and school nursing services to create an integrated service for children and families. Health visitors and school nurses have been selected to new roles in the service and have taken up their new posts.

All GP practices will have a child and family team. The team will have qualified nurses who have the knowledge and experience to provide health visiting and school nursing services for families with children under 16 years of age.

Deana Owen, who is the Senior Child and Family nurse at the Health Centre explains how to use the service:-

"The most important message for parents is that if you have any concerns about your child's health and development or other health related family concerns do not hesitate to contact us. I can be contacted on 781855. My colleagues Jan Crow (Senior Community Nurse) and Pauline Husbands (Community Nurse) can also be contacted on this number.

Young people will also be encouraged to talk to the nurse at School if they want advice and information. This will be confidential.

If you need extra help and support this will be available in a variety of ways depending on the needs of you and your child. They include

- * Home visits
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Thought For The Month



Have you noticed how many lovely things to eat are associated with Easter? Two months ago we had our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, whilst later this month we are preparing to eat our hot cross buns on Good Friday and our Easter eggs on Easter Sunday.

The long association of hot cross buns and Easter eggs with the Christian season of Easter is easy to understand. On Good Friday, the day when Jesus was put to death on a cross, we eat a cake marked with a cross to help us to reflect upon and consider all that Jesus went through as he was crucified.

And on Easter Sunday, when Jesus rose alive from the tomb and offered new life to all, we share eggs: a simple yet powerful symbol of new life emerging from a dark place.



At one time these Easter eggs were real ones, painted and decorated with Christian symbols of new life and hope. Today they are by and large made of chocolate and are decorated with the manufacturer's promotional designs, and as such can somewhat misleadingly take us one step away from the real meaning of Easter.

So, can I suggest that this year you give (and hopefully receive!) at least two eggs. One chocolate and pre-wrapped, one real and decorated with Christian symbols - such as crosses, candles, angels, bread and wine. That way we will be gently and properly reminded of what Easter is really all about. And of what Jesus, through his death and resurrection, offers to all.

A very Happy Easter from me and all at Bar Hill Church. Do join us at any of our Easter Services where I guarantee you a very warm welcome.

Reverend Gary Renison.

South Cambridgeshire, North Rural Branch



Diary Dates

4th April - Policy Group Lunchtime meeting 12.30 pm at the Blue Lion PH in Hardwick.

Our Policy Group meetings are a forum for people to discuss current topical issues and Liberal Democrat policies in an informal atmosphere with a view to moulding future national and local policies. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge made.

For further details on the activities of the Liberal Democrats please contact:

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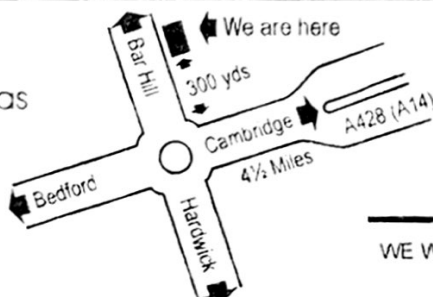
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April Services & Easter Celebrations

Palm Sunday

Sun. 5th 10.00am Morning Worship & Holy Communion
6.30pm Poems & Prayers for Easter

Preacher: Revd Gary Renison
Leader: Mr. John Jarvis

Maundy Thursday

Thu. 9th 8.00pm Holy Communion

Preacher: Mr. Anthony Howells

Good Friday

Fri. 10th 10.00am "Good Friday Reflections"

Preacher: Mr. Anthony Howells

Easter Day

Sun. 12th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Easter Day Family Communion
Sermon: "Resurrection Hope"

Preacher: Revd Gary Renison

Sun. 19th 10.00am Morning Worship & Holy Communion
6.30pm Youth Service

Leader: Revd Gary Renison
Preacher: Mr. Charlie Kosla
Leaders: Tim Jackson & Roger Wilson

Wed. 22nd 10.00am Mid-week Communion

Sun. 26th 10.00am Family Worship
6.30pm Quiet Communion

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Preacher: Mr. Anthony Howells

People to Contact-

The Minister: Revd. Gary Renison 01954 781629
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Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

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Diary

Thu.	2nd	8.00 pm	Birthday Party - Members only	8 O'Clock Club	School
Fri.	3rd		End of term DISCO	'The Point'	The Church
Sat.	4th	12.30 pm	Policy Group	Liberal Democrats	Blue Lion PH,
			Lunchtime Meeting		Hardwick
		2.00 - 4.00 pm	Table top Sale	Pre-School Playgroup	Village Hall
Mon.	6th	10.00 - 12.00 am	Easter Playday	Sunshine Pre-School	Sunshine
Tue.	7th	10.00 - 11.30 am	Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt Day	Parent & Toddlers	Octagon
		2.00 - 4.00 pm	British Red Cross	Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group	Dry Drayton
				BHMCA	Village Hall
Sat.	18th	8.00 - 12.00 pm	Barn Dance (Wide Glide)	Happy Hours	Swavesey VC
Mon.	20th	8.00 am	Llandudno Trip	National Women's Register	Outside 'The Fox'
Tue.	21st	8.00 pm	<i>Food for thought</i>		3, Almond Grove
Wed.	22nd	8.30 pm	Setting up the Farmhouse for our Youth'		Village Hall
Thu.	23rd	8.30 pm	Meeting	Neighbourhood Watch	Village Hall
			St. George's Day	Social Club	Village Hall
Fri.	24th	9.00 pm	Paul Edwards	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat.	25th		Nearly new sale	Toy Library	
			Dog Racing	Sports & Social Club	
		2.00 pm	Car Boot Sale	Swavesey VC PTA	Swavesey VC
Mon.	27th	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Live cookery demonstration	Ladies' International Group	Octagon
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Sat.	2nd	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Colts	School
Tue.	5th		Adult First Club Night	Tennis Club	Tennis Courts
Tue.	5th	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Dietician from Addenbrookes	Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group	Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge
Thu.	7th	8.00 pm	AGM	Sunshine Pre-School	Sunshine
		8.00 pm	Papworth Trust	8 O'Clock Club	School
Sat.	9th	7.45 pm	Dinner and Christian Presentation	Church	Church Centre
Mon.	11th	8.00 pm		Ladies' International Group	Octagon
		6.30 pm	AGM & 'family barbecue'	Scouts	Scout Hut
Wed.	13th		Scville Gardens & Windsor Trip	Happy Hours	Milton's children's hospice
Fri.	15th	7.30 pm	<i>Confusions</i>	RADSOC	Swavesey VC
Sat.	16th		<i>Wish you were here'</i>	Conservatives	121 Appletrees
		11.00 - 4.00 pm	Wild West' Gala Day	Happy Hours	
		7.30 pm	Annual presentation	Colts	School
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